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BOOK REVIEWS.

The Encyclopedia of United States Supreme Court Reports, being a Complete Encyclopedia of all the Case Law of the Federal Supreme Court up to and including Volume 206, U. S. Supreme Court Reports (Book 51, Lawyers' Edition). Under the editorial supervision of Thomas Johnson Michie. Volume 10. The Michie Company, Law Publishers, Charlottesville, Va. 1910. Price, \$6.00

The present volume treats of "Public Lands" to "Special Appearances," inclusive. The important subjects of "Public Lands" and "Railroads" are written by Mr. R. C. Walker; "Receivers" and "Sentence and Punishment," by Homer Richey; "Res Adjudicata," by S. Blair Fisher; "Revenue Laws," by our associate, Frank Moore; "Sales," by Joseph W. Timberlake; "Removal of Causes," by Beirne Stedman; "Ships and Shipping," by A. P. Walker. But the length of these articles and ability of the writers do not overshadow the excellency of the briefer articles, which are from the pens of some of the ablest of the staff and all thoroughly and carefully edited. Each volume as it appears testifies to the painstaking care which makes this one of the best Digests which has ever appeared.

A Study of Questioned Documents, with an Outline of Methods by Which the Facts may be Discovered and Shown. By Albert S. Osborn, Examiner of Questioned Documents; with an Introduction by Professor John H. Wigmore, Author of "Wigmore on Evidence." Two Hundred Illustrations. Rochester, New York. The Lawyers Co-Operative Publishing Company. 1910. Price, \$5.25.

To those lawyers—and we suppose their name is legion—who have read with interest and with some degree of amazement the reports of trials in which the testimony of experts upon handwriting was given, both pro and con, signatures and documents, this book will prove of absorbing interest. It is the first treatise upon this subject, and is marked by candid reasoning and a judicial attitude which make the book of exceeding value. No one who has not read it can appreciate the science, the care and the skill which must be necessary to make one an expert in handwriting; for expert testimony in this respect is in truth a science, and we believe that a careful perusal of this book, both by judges and lawyers, will do much to remove prejudice, to arouse interest, and to enable the cross-examiner to test the ability and skill of the handwriting expert, expose empiricism and discover the truth.

Race Distinctions in American Law, by Gilbert Thomas Stephenson, A. M., L. L. B. New York and London. D. Appleton & Co. 1910. Price, \$1.50.

This book, made up of essays published in the **American Law Review**, and one chapter previously published in the **American Political Science Review** during the past year, is a most valuable contribution to the vexing and perplexing question of the proper and permanent relations between the white and colored races. No student of this great question can afford to be without this book. With a calm and judicial mind the author has taken the constitution, statutes and ju-